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E.O. 12356: DECL: 10/4/88
TAGS: CASC
SUBJECT: W/W JOHN SULLIVAN

EXCISE

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. LETTER POSTMARKED 9/28/82 CONCERNING W/W JOHN SULLIVAN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY 10/4/82. ROUGH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT.

QUOTE: COMMUNIQUE1. CENTRAL COMMAND OF THE PEOPLE. MR. CONSUL OF THE YANKEES, BY THIS LETTER I COMMUNICATE TO YOU THAT THE YANKEE JOURNALIST THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS IN OUR CONTROL. HE'S THE ONE NAMED JOHN SULLIVAN AND BY THE ADS IN THE NEWSPAPER, I KNOW THAT SOMEONE HAS WRITTEN TO THE EMBASSY AND THE WASHINGTON POST. I DON'T KNOW WHO DID THIS BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF SWINDLERS OF THIS TYPE HERE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LIBERATING THIS YANKEE, YOU HAVE TO COMPLY WITH TWO CONDITIONS. THE FIRST: PUBLISH IN TWO RENOWNED U.S. NEWSPAPERS THE GOOD TREATMENT WE GAVE THE JOURNALIST BEFORE HE IS LIBERATED AND WE'LL PROVE IT WHEN WE HAVE LIBERATED HIM. NUMBER TWO: COOPERATE WILLINGLY WITH THE SMALL SUM OF COLONES 25,000 FOR THE CAUSE OF OUR PEOPLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU KEEP THIS SECRET AND ONLY INFORM HIS FAMILY, AS THE LIFE OF THE JOURNALIST IS IN DANGER IF YOU DON'T COMPLY. NOTE: PUBLISH THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PAPERS ON MONDAY DISSEMINATING THE MESSAGE WELL SO NO ONE WILL NOTICE. NOTE: THE NAME OF THE SENDER IS FALSE; IT HAS BEEN USED SO THE LETTER WILL ARRIVE TO ITS DESTINATION. FOR THE LIBERATION OF EL SALVADOR, THE CENTRAL COMMAND OF THE PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

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3. ENVELOPE HAS RETURN ADDRESS OF [redacted] POST MARK, EXCEPT FOR DATE, IS UNREADABLE. ENVELOPE HAS SALVADORAN STAMP ON IT SO IT WAS PROBABLY MAILED IN EL SALVADOR.

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4. THE GROUP, CENTRAL COMMAND OF THE PEOPLE IS NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY.

5. UNFORTUANTELY, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT DATA IN LETTER TO ENABLE US TO CONTACT THE GROUP. AS THIS LETTER IS CALLED THE FIRST COMMUNIQUE, IT SEEMS LIKELY OTHERS WILL FOLLOW.

6. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
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